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In re the Application of

Tetsuo ASADA et al.

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Docket No.: 116246

For: SHEET-SUPPLY DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references No. 3-7 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publication have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-7.
- ☒ 4. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Attorney docket No. 116245, filed on July 16, 2003, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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	2	EP 1 160 185 A2	12/05/2001	Europe			
	3	JP A 2001-354330 (with abstract and translation)	12/25/2001	Japan			
	4	JP A 2000-191169 (with abstract and translation)	07/11/2000	Japan			
	5	JP A 11-71036 (with abstract and translation)	03/16/1999	Japan			
	6	JP A 2001-253580 (with abstract and translation)	09/18/2001	Japan			
	7	JP A 2001-341876 (with abstract and translation)	12/11/2001	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	8	ASADA et al., " SHEET-SUPPLY DEVICE AND PRINTING DEVICE INCLUDING THE SAME ", Attorney Docket No. 116245, July 16, 2003					
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